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Interaction between Soviet offer of International space research centre and Indian space efforts

*492. SHRI KAPIL VERM A;
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manner in which the International Space Research Centre, offered by the Soviet Union, would interact with India's own Space efforts;

(b) whether Indian Cosmonauts are proposed to be trained at this Centre; and

(c) whether the data obtained at this Centre about India's natural re sources and geographical features through observations sponsored by it would be available to other countries also: if so, whether it would involve security implications for India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Soviet interest in establishing an International Space Centre in India was announced during the visit of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist of the Soviet Union to India during November, 1986. The ideas were of general nature which include facilities fo$_r$ training in a number of areas and also providing for launch facilities and other related space technology and application activities. Since a number of details would need to be worked out, some discussions have taken place between the officials of India and the Soviet Union. Our approach to this idea will be based on the need for international cooperation far peaceful uses of outer space consistent with our commitment to self reliance in our national space programme.

(b) and (c) The details of the proposal and its implications will be clearly known only after all technical details regarding the scope and financial arrangements are clearly defined and the acceptability of such an international centre by international community is established. Any such arrangement will necessarily take into account the security implications and ensure that our own programme does not get affected.

Anti-poverty programme in Andhra Pradesh

493. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocations made for the State of Andhra Pradesh for anti-poverty programme for the seventh Five Year Plan period:

(b) whether Government propose to increase the allocation under this programme; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?